



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 5599***

LCO No. 1497

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:  
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FURLOUGHS FOR PRISONERS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 18-101a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

3 The Commissioner of Correction at [his] the commissioner's  
4 discretion may extend the limits of the place of confinement of [a  
5 prisoner] an inmate as to whom there is reasonable belief he or she will  
6 honor his or her trust, by authorizing [him] the inmate under  
7 prescribed conditions to visit a specifically designated place or places,  
8 within or without the state, for periods not exceeding [fifteen] thirty  
9 days and return to the same or another institution or facility. Such  
10 periods may be renewed at the discretion of the commissioner. Such  
11 furlough may be granted only to permit a visit to a dying relative,  
12 attendance at the funeral of a relative, the obtaining of medical services  
13 not otherwise available, the contacting of prospective employers, or for  
14 any compelling reason consistent with rehabilitation. Any inmate who  
15 fails to return from furlough as provided in the furlough agreement  
16 shall be guilty of the crime of escape in the first degree.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

***Statement of Purpose:***

To increase from fifteen to thirty days the maximum length of a furlough that the Commissioner of Correction may grant an inmate.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*